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AFDROUGHT

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM GENEVA AUG 3.

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SUBJ: UNDRC OPERATIONS

UNDRC BERKOL REQUESTED MISSION RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE
FROM HIM TO AID/FDRC - MCCLURE AND IO/CMD - MCDONALD:
QUOTE: FOR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE USE, HERE FOLLOWS
RESUME OF UNDRO RELIEF OPERATIONS (AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES)
FOR PERIOD 1 JUNE - 31 JULY 1973.

1. SAHELIAN DROUGHT RELIEF (EMERGENCY PHASE). ADDRESSEES WILL
RECALL THAT FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL
IN MARCH, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL DESIGNATED FAO AS FOCAL
POINT UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY PHASE. ACTION
BY UNDRO HAS CONSEQUENTLY AIMED AT COMPLEMENTING FAO
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ROLE BY MAKING CASH INPUT AND ARRANGING FREE AIR SHIPMENT

OF EMERGENCY RELIEF SUPPLIES WHENEVER REQUESTS MADE TO UNDRO BY OTHER UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS.

A. CASH TRANSFER TO FAO: IN EARLY JUNE THE DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR OBTAINED SECRETARY-GENERAL'S AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR CREDIT TO FAO SAHELIAN RELIEF FUND. ALBEIT MODEST, THIS AMOUNT REPRESENTS HALF THE ENTIRE 1973 DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUNDS AVAILABLE TO UNDRO FROM WORKING CAPITAL FUND, THE FAO WILL UTILIZE IN PROCUREMENT RELIEF FOODSTUFFS AND EQUIPMENT FOR EACH OF THE SIX STRICKEN COUNTRIES.

B. AIR TRANSPORT OF UNICEF MEDICAL SUPPLIES: AT REQUEST OF UNICEF, UNDRO HAS BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE FREE AIR TRANSPORT OR CONCESSIONAL RATES FOR AIRLIFTING OVER TWENTY-FIVE TONS DROUGHT MEDICAMENTS, REPRESENTING SAVINGS OF OVER FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ACCORDING LATEST UNICEF FIGURES. THESE MEDICAMENTS--CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY OF REHYDRATION FLUID AND MULTI-VITAMIN SYRUP--HAVE BEEN CONSIGNED TO MAURITANIA, SENEGAL, MALI, UPPER VOLTA AND NIGER. COMMERCIAL AIRLINES PROVIDING FREE AIR TRANSPORT ABOVE CONSIGNMENTS INCLUDED AIR AFRIQUE-UTA, AIR FRANCE, AIR MALI AND SABENA.

C. AIR TRANSPORT WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION MEDICINES: UNDRO HAS ARRANGED FREE AIR TRANSPORT WORLD HEALTH'S DROUGHT MEDICINES WHICH TO DATE TOTAL OVER NINE TONS AND REPRESENT SAVINGS OF MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO WHO. THIS ACHIEVED WITH THE KIND COLLABORATION OF FAO AND LICROSS, WITH THANKS ALSO DUE SWISSAIR FOR FREE TRANSPORT OF MORE THAN TWO TONS OF THE ABOVE CONSIGNMENT.

D. WHO SAHELIAN DROUGHT MEDICINES AWAITING SHIPMENT: WORLD HEALTH HAS REQUESTED UNDRO ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH 31,400 KILOS DROUGHT MEDICINES WHICH CURRENTLY STORED OUAGADOUGOU (UPPER VOLTA) AWAITING ONWARD AIR RETRANSPORT TO NIGER, CHAD, MAURITANIA AND SENEGAL (6,700 KILOS EACH), AND MALI (4,600 KILOS). ON BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY PERMANENT MISSION GENEVA OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, IT IS HOPED THAT TWO GERMAN AIR FORCE TRANSALL AIRCRAFT, WHICH SCHEDULED RETURN EUROPE VIA OUAGADOUGOU AUGUST 3, WILL HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORT IMPORTANT PART OF ABOVE MEDICINES TO NIGER, CHAD, MALI AND MAURITANIA. AS SOON AS ACTUAL DELIVERIES ARE REPORTED TO UNDRO, WE SHALL REPEAT SHALL REVERT TO SHIPMENT REMAINING MEDICINES STORED OUAGADOUGOU AND HOPE THAT SOME ADDRESSEES OF THIS MESSAGE WILL BE ABLE TO ADVISE AIRLIFT POSSIBILITIES.

E. ADVANCE NOTICE SAHELIAN AIRLIFT OPERATIONS: UNDRO WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE OF

MOVEMENTS DONOR AND SPECIALLY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE SAHEL FROM EUROPE AND AMERICA. FAO IN TURN WILL KEEP US INFORMED BY TELEX OF FLIGHTS OPERATING WITHIN SAHELIAN ZONE. ANY INFORMATION COMMUNICATED UNDRO WILL NATURALLY BE RELAYED TO FAO/ROME, WHO, UNICEF AND OTHER INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS.

2. TUNISIA: FOLLOWING RECENT REPORTS CHOLERA OUTBREAKS AND OFFICIAL VACCINES REQUEST BY TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION MADE AVAILABLE OVER TWO MILLION DOSES CHOLERA VACCINE DOSES FROM ITS GENEVA STOCKS AND IMMEDIATELY UNDERTOOK PROCUREMENT REPEAT PROCUREMENT OF NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS. ON SHORT NOTICE, UNDRO ARRANGED FOR DESPATCH INITIAL HALF TON VACCINE CONSIGNMENT AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER WAS ABLE COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINING FOUR TONS VACCINES TO BE AIRLIFTED GENEVA/TUNIS, OWING KIND COLLABORATION SWISSAIR AND TUNISAIR. FOLLOWING SIMILAR PROMPT AND POSITIVE RESPONSE BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS, UNDRO ALSO WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE FREE EMERGENCY AIRLIFT HALF TON MEDICAL SUPPLIES LONDON/TUNIS. INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF WHO HAS RESULTED IN TRANSPORT SAVINGS OF AT LEAST 4,500 DOLLARS.

3. FURTHER ROUND-UPS OF UNDRO ACTIVITIES IN DISASTER SITUATIONS WILL FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE. END QUOTE.BASSIN UNQUOTE RUSH

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